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of International Application PCT/FR99/02425, filed October 11, 1999, which was published in accordance with PCT Article 21(2) on April 27, 2000 in French.

Page 2, after line 32, insert the following paragraph:

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--Preferably, the encryption key is moreover dependent upon a secret parameter which is contained in any reading device adapted for reading the digital data arising from said data source.--

Page 3, amend the paragraph beginning on line 17 as follows:

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"The present invention also relates to a reading device allowing the implementation of the said methods of copying described hereinabove. According to this aspect of the invention, the device comprises a formatting circuit adapted for receiving the serial number of the medium onto which the digital data are to be copied and providing, as output, formatted data which are dependent on said serial number and are intended to be copied onto said medium.

The invention also relates, according to another aspect, to a recording medium for digital data comprising a serial number which is unique or exhibits a low probability of being common with that of another medium, characterized in that it furthermore comprises recorded digital data, said digital data being formatted as a function of said serial number and of a secret parameter."

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims (which are the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report) as follows. A marked up version of the amended claims is attached herewith:

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1. A method of copying which avoids the bit-by-bit duplication of digital data arising from a source of digital data on a medium, wherein said method comprises a step of formatting the digital data arising from said source of digital data as a function of a serial number contained in said medium and a step of writing said formatted data onto said medium.